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USSR MINISTRY ESTABLISHED;
NEW REPUBLIC MINISTERS NAMED

K. M. SOKOLOV HEADS NEW CITY PLANNING MINISTRY -- Krasnaya Zvezda, No 128, 2 Jun 49

In connection with the growth of city construction and the necessity of State control in city planning and building for the purpose of introducing advanced techniques, the Presidium of the Supreme Soviet USSR has decreed the formation of an All-Union Ministry of City Construction. Konstantin Mikhaylovich Sokolov was appointed Minister of City Construction and relieved of duties as Minister of Construction- and Road-Machine Building.

The ukase was signed at the Kremlin on 1 June by N. Shvernik, chairman, and A. Gorkin, secretary of the Presidium, Supreme Soviet USSR.

The Ministry will be authorized to supervise the planning of new cities, to improve the architecture and raise the quality of city construction, to introduce new types of building and finishing materials, products, and equipment for housing construction, to introduce mechanized and progressive labor methods in city construction, and to supervise the carrying out of Government decisions in matters of city construction.

NEW RSFSR MINISTERS NAMED -- Pravda, No 148, 28 May 49

On 27 May the Supreme Soviet RSFSR confirmed ukases of the Presidium, Supreme Sov. RSFSR naming the following Ministers: Nikolay Ivanovich Smirnov, Minister of Meat and Dairy Industry RSFSR; Nikita Semenovich Sazanov, Minister of Light Industry RSFSR; Il'ya Vasil'yevich Zhukov, Minister of Forestry RSFSR; Sergey Dmitriyevich Romanychev, Minister of Food Industry RSFSR; Aleksandr Vasil'yevich Kudryavtsev, Minister of Timber and Paper Industry RSFSR; Aleksey Kirillovich Obukhov, Minister of Fish Industry RSFSR; and Nikolay Pavlovich Silant'yev, Chairman of Committee for Arts, Council of Ministers RSFSR.

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NEW UKRAINIAN SSR MINISTERS APPOINTED -- Pravda Ukrainskaya, No 124, 28 May 49

Ivan Kornilovich Lozulya has been appointed Minister of Civilian Housing Construction Ukrainian SSR and Anatoliy Gavrilovich Soldatov has been appointed Minister of Forestry Ukrainian SSR.

Both ukases, dated Kiev, 27 May 1949, are signed by M. Grechukha, chairman, and V. Nizhnik, secretary of the Presidium of the Supreme Soviet Ukrainian SSR.

Pravda Ukrainskaya, No 116, 19 May 49

The Council of Ministers Ukrainian SSR has approved Ivan Ivanovich Yakovlev as Vice-Minister of Agriculture Ukrainian SSR.

KARELO-FINNISH SSR CONFIRMS APPOINTMENTS -- Leninskoye Znamya, No 95, 15 May 49

The Supreme Soviet of the Karelo-Finnish SSR has confirmed the appointments of Aleksandr Ivanovich Larionov as Minister of Local Industry Karelo-Finnish SSR and Nikolai Petrovich Filippov as Minister of Trade Karelo-Finnish SSR.

AZERBAIDZHAN SSR MINISTERS APPOINTED -- Bakinskiy Rabochiy, No 100, 24 May 49

The Supreme Soviet Azerbaijan SSR has confirmed the appointments of the following ministers:

Sultan Abbas oglu Mirzoyev, Minister of State Control Azerbaijan SSR; Agalar Mamed Ibragim oglu Aliyev, Minister of Communal Economy Azerbaijan SSR; Sadykh Gadzhi Karaliyevich Ragimov, Minister of Light Industry Azerbaijan SSR; Nekhtchi Gasan oglu Mustafayev, Minister of Forestry Azerbaijan SSR; Gayk Avetikovich Karkaryan, Minister of Food Industry Azerbaijan SSR; and Rovshan Ali Akper oglu Abdurakhmanov, Minister of Construction Materials Industry Azerbaijan SSR.

INCOMPETENT KIRGIZ MINISTER OUSTED -- Sovetskaya Kirgiziya, No 100, 24 May 49

Ivan Kuz'mich Lavrenkov has been relieved of duties as Minister of Justice Kirgiz SSR for incompetence and Rashid Tashkulov appointed to that post by ukase of the Presidium, Supreme Soviet Kirgiz SSR, dated 21 May 1949, and signed by T. Kulatov, chairman, and D. Shukurov, acting secretary of the Presidium.

BASHKIR OFFICIALS HONORED -- Vedomosti Verkhnogo Soveta SSSR, No 23, 21 May 49

The following Bashkir leaders were awarded the medal "For Labor Valour": Ibragim Akhunovich Karimov, Vice-Minister of Agriculture; Khasan Alimovich Muratov, Vice-Minister of Trade; and Kavyy Shagidullich Nabiullin, Vice-Minister of Local Industry.

BELORUSSIAN FORESTRY MINISTER DIES -- Sovetskaya Belorussiya, No 102, 24 May 49

Semen Ivanovich Kolesnikov, Minister of Forestry Belorussian SSR, died on 23 May 1949 after a serious illness.

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